TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 5 - HB 365

February 12, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes an \$800 cash supplement for unpaid volunteer firefighters of a fire department recognized by the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) when such individuals complete annual in-service training.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$5,100,800/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-24-202, salaried, or career, firefighters currently receive an \$800 salary supplement for completion of 40 hours of annual in-service training.
- The proposed legislation extends the eligibility of the supplement to unpaid volunteer firefighters of a fire department registered and recognized by the SFMO.
- Based on a roster of registered fire departments provided by the SMFO, there are approximately 12,751 volunteer firefighters that would be eligible for the cash supplement.
- It is assumed 50 percent or 6,376 (12,751 x 50.0%) of the volunteer firefighters will complete the annual in-service training.
- It is assumed that the number of volunteer firefighters in aggregate will remain constant over time.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures, beginning in FY21-22, is estimated to be \$5,100,800 (6,376 x \$800).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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